

REMARKS

Claims 17-20 are all of the claims currently pending in this application. By the foregoing amendments, claims 1-4 and 6-16 are cancelled, claims 17 and 18 are amended and new claims 19 and 20 are added.

STATUS OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-4 and 6-18 were pending in the application. Claims 15-18 were allowed. Claims 1-4 and 6-14 were rejected.

DRAWINGS:

The Examiner approved the proposed drawing corrections filed on March 11, 2003, and corrected drawings are filed herewith.

35 U.S.C. §112:

Written description

The rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement is rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims.

Enablement

The rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement is rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims.

NEW CLAIMS:

New claims 19 and 20 are added to obtain more varied protection for the invention. In particular, independent claim 19 represents the eleventh embodiment (Fig. 22), for example and not by limitation, in which a first conductive member is provided between a charge storing section and a second electrode layer. Independent claim 20 represents the seventh embodiment (Fig. 17), for example and not by limitation, in which a first conductive member is provided in a second electrode layer. Furthermore, claims 17 and 18 are amended to further define the invention while keeping the spirit of their allowable subject matter.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby earnestly solicited. If there any points remaining in issue that the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below.

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